

NOT SO SURE OF PARKER

NEW YORK'S INDORSEMENT HAS NOT CLEARED THE WAY. LITTLE SHY OF THE PLATFORM.

ITS DECLARATIONS SAID TO BE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING. HEARST NO LONGER REGARDED AS A FACTOR.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The situation with reference to the Democratic nomination for the Presidency is apparently becoming more confused. The expectation of many that the indorsement of Judge Parker by the New York State convention would simplify the situation has not been verified.

When Mr. Belmont came to Washington prior to the meeting of the New York convention and conferred with Democratic leaders in Congress he became convinced by what was said to him that if New York should indorse Parker one State after another would follow suit. This might have been the case had the course of the managers of the New York convention been different. There is no gainsaying the esteem in which Judge Parker is held by leading Democrats, especially from the South. Almost the only objection raised against him was his lack of record with reference to political issues and the aggressive forwardness of former Senator Hill as manager of the Parker boom. In view of the earnest desire of the Democrats to secure for a candidate a man of high character and calm, conservative temperament, leading Democrats generally were disposed to overlook these objections to Judge Parker if he could be presented in a way to insure harmony in the party. The argument in approval of Judge Parker's silence—that it would not be becoming for a judge on the bench to talk politics—has been accepted by most of the Democratic leaders as being sound and sufficient.

Disappointed With Platform.

But it was expected that the platform adopted by the New York convention presenting Judge Parker's name would contain some expression indicative of the attitude of the New York candidate with reference to the principal political questions upon which there is supposed to be no difference of opinion among Democrats. The absence of such expression in the platform and the peculiar wording of the trust plank in that platform, which is interpreted as at least implying a doubt of the propriety of Federal interference in restraint of trusts, explain the partial failure of the program which Mr. Belmont had mapped out for a stampede toward Parker. It is believed by many of the leading Democrats in national affairs that if the New York platform had been a little more specific with reference to the tariff, the trust, and the colonial issues the nomination of Mr. Parker would now be conceded as reasonably certain. The criticisms passed upon this platform do not as a rule excite antagonism toward Mr. Parker, but the effect is to strengthen the arguments that are presented in favor of sending uninstructed delegations from other States.

It is believed that a number of delegations favorable to Mr. Parker's nomination which would have been instructed for him will now go to the convention without instructions, though having the purpose to support Mr. Parker. Mr. Belmont expected an instructed delegation from Virginia, and steps had been taken to have a resolution indorsing Judge Parker adopted by the State Executive Committee. The resolution failed before the committee, though it was understood to represent the sentiment of nearly all the members of the committee, and several members of the Virginia delegation in Congress have expressed the opinion within the last two or three days that the delegation to the national convention will not be instructed, though it will be friendly to Parker. It has been assumed that beyond question the Georgia delegation to the national convention would be instructed for Judge Parker, but some of the Georgia delegation in Congress now state that they believe as much can be accomplished without instructions, and that they believe it would be wiser not to instruct Representative Livingston, who has repeatedly expressed the opinion that the delegation would be instructed for Parker, says now that this is doubtful, and that sentiment in favor of leaving the delegation free to act according to its judgment of the situation after it reaches the convention is growing.

SMALL BITS OF WAR NEWS

THE DISPATCHES HAVE BEEN COMING ALL DAY FROM THE EAST GIVING VARIOUS REPORTS.

ADMIRAL TOGO SENDS CABLE-GRAM TO JAPANESE LEGATION AT WASHINGTON. THIRD BLOCKING OPERATION OVER.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—A telegram received to-day from Port Arthur contains an order issued by General Stoessel, in command at the Port, on which he admits that Port Arthur is in a precarious condition. The order reads: "May 1, 4:30: The enemy crossed the Yalu in great force. Our troops fell back on positions previously selected."

"The enemy effected on May 5 an important landing on the Liao Tung Peninsula, South of Pilszewo, and in the vicinity of Kin Chow Bay. Our work is beginning."

"Naturally the enemy will destroy the railway communication and endeavor to drive our troops back to Port Arthur, and besiege this fortress, the greatest bulwark in the Far East."

"Defend it until the arrival of the troops which are coming to relieve us."

"I call on you to display unceasing vigil and caution. You must be ready at all times to demean yourselves with dignity and order becoming the glorious troops of Russia."

"No matter what happens you must not lose your heads. Remember that everything is possible in war. We will be able, with God's help, to cope with the arduous task imposed upon us."

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—A telegram from Port Arthur, dated yesterday, states that six of the enemy's cruisers are continually in sight.

A parade of the garrison was held, says the telegram, in honor of the Czarina's name day.

General Stoessel, addressing the troops, alludes to the new phase of the war, whereby Port Arthur was threatened by land. He expressed confidence in the endurance of the defenders. The soldiers and sailors cheered his words heartily.

LONDON, May 7.—The Vienna correspondent of The Times, telegraphs that in Russophiles quarters it is reported that the painful astonishment of the Czar at the Russian defeat on the Yalu was the greater owing to assurances received from General Kuropatkin a few days previously that the imminent engagements on land would prove the Russian positions were impregnable.

It is supposed that the dispatch of Viceroy Alexieff, from Port Arthur to Mukden, is due to the desire of the Czar to possess a complete report of the military situation and the causes of the defeat.

CHEE FOO, China, May 7.—Chinese coasting vessels report a succession of tremendous explosions at the entrance of Port Arthur harbor.

It is evident that the Russians are trying to clear the channel of the obstacles and mines placed there by the Japanese.

The Japanese cruiser squadron is watching the harbor to prevent a sally of torpedo boats against the Japanese transports now lying along the Liao Tung Peninsula.

LONDON, May 7.—Dispatches from Seoul bring a report that Feng Wang Cheng has fallen into the hands of the Japanese after severe fighting. Seoul traces the report to Antung, Manchuria, a point near the Japanese advanced posts. The losses on both sides are reported heavy.

Feng Wang Cheng, it is known, was the objective point of the Japanese.

SEOUL, May 7.—The Japanese of Seoul are celebrating the Japanese victory on the Yalu river on Sunday last. The celebration includes a luncheon at the old palace following sports and fire works this evening.

BARCELONA, May 7.—A dynamite bomb was exploded on the roof of the Jesuit College here to-day. The roof was blown in and one person was injured.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—The "Viedomosti" to-day reports what is believed to have been a Japanese attempt to destroy the governmental section of Kronstadt, where large naval supplies are stored.

A heap of shavings and lathes, the paper says, was recently placed near

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

Y. M. C. A. IS PLANNING FOR ATTRACTIVE SERVICES—COMMITTEE REPRESENTING VARIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The committee on outdoor meetings, composed of representatives from the Young People's Societies of the different churches in the city, met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening. Those present were Secretary Hawley, of the Y. M. C. A., Frank Ewan, of the Presbyterian church, N. E. Jamison, of the Baptist church, Clyde Hill and E. B. Harden, of the Diamond street M. E. church, J. Clark Evans and Ed. M. Hall, of the first M. E. church, and Miss Helen Neill and A. W. Frazer, of the People's Temple. The committee was appointed to arrange for union outdoor meetings for the young people. Several places were spoken of, including the Court-house and the Normal School. A band was also talked of, and it is likely that some good meetings will be arranged for. Instead of meeting at their respective churches, the young people's societies will join in the union services. The committee will meet again next Friday evening and decide definitely upon some action.

Rural Route Carriers' Examination.

An examination was held at the Normal School building beginning at 10 o'clock this morning for carriers on the rural route service. There were six applicants, viz.: From Rivesville, John W. Thrash, Clifford Merrifield, Hood Clayton; from Mannington, John W. Shanks, John G. Robinson and Jas. L. Thom.

There will likely be two vacancies soon, one at Mannington and one at Rivesville. The examination lasted two hours.

An immense quantity of shells filled with pyroxilin. The shavings were covered with petroleum and set fire to. Luckily the blaze was extinguished before great damage was done.

WUJU, Korea, May 7.—Word reached here to-day of another Russian repulse in Manchuria. One thousand of the Russian rear guard, according to this report, made a stand at Helme-tang, on the Liao Tung road.

The Japanese charged them, and after a brief fight the Russians grabbed their guns and retreated. Four hundred and thirty-five Russians were captured.

LONDON, May 7.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that official admission is made that the Japanese have captured Feng Huang Cheng.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—It is reported that Port Arthur was again bombarded yesterday morning. Communication with the port has been cut off by the Japanese and confirmation of the rumor cannot be obtained.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—The following cablegram was received at the Japanese legation this morning:

"TOYO, May 7.—Admiral Togo reports that the combined fleet effected the third blocking operation at Port Arthur on the third of May. The gunboats Akagi, Chokai, the second, third, fourth and fifth destroyer flotillas, and the ninth, tenth and fourteenth torpedo boat flotillas, with steamers, started on the second of May, but a strong wind soon arising greatly hindered the movement, and therefore the commander ordered them to stop operations; but the order did not reach in time, and consequently eight steamers proceeded and dashed into the harbor, despite the enemy's search-light fortress fire, observation tower and mechanical mines. Five steamers gained the mouth of the harbor, especially Mikawa, Maru and Tomy, Maru breaking her boom went further in. The entrance to the harbor is considered effectively blocked, especially for cruisers and battleships. Three other steamers were sunk before reaching the mouth of the harbor. Our flotillas remained until morning and rescued half of the crews of the sunken steamers. The torpedo boat No. 67, its steam pipe having been hit, was disabled, but towed away by the torpedo boat No. 70. The port engine of the torpedo boat Aotaka was damaged, but the ship is safe. Casualties of the flotilla: Three wounded, two killed, but no other damage."

FOUR MEN ARE KILLED

BY A LAKE SHORE PASSENGER TRAIN NEAR ELYRIA, OHIO. WERE WELL DRESSED BUT UNKNOWN.

ELYRIA, Ohio, May 7.—Four unknown men were killed by the Lake Shore west bound through passenger train which passed through Elyria at about 3 o'clock this morning. The three men were found on the track a mile east of town, while one was carried into the city in front of the engine and dropped near the east bridge.

The first intimation of the accident was a telegram from the engineer at Sandusky. All four were neatly dressed, and apparently mechanics or laborers. One of them had \$66, but there were no identifying marks. It is supposed that they stepped in front of the passenger train while avoiding an east bound train, and had their back turned.

LYNCHERS

MUST BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW. SAYS GOVERNOR CUNNINGHAM, OF ALABAMA.

MOBILE, Ala., May 7.—In view of the recent lynchings of negroes in Augusta and Baldwin counties, Acting Governor Cunningham has issued a statement to the public, explaining his policy and declaring that lynchers must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, even if it becomes necessary to call an extra session of the legislature to make the laws go.

He also addressed a circular letter to every Circuit Court Judge of Alabama, appealing to them to advise as to the best methods of enforcing laws and for co-operating in an effort to relieve the State from the odium of the recent crimes.

VOTED

FOR A COMMITTEE TO PREPARE MEMORIAL OF THE LATE PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 7.—By a rising vote the Methodist Conference this morning appointed a committee to prepare a memorial of the late President McKinley. A resolution was adopted to bring about a new evangelical movement to secure to Methodism a million souls annually. It is rumored that the 1904 Quadrennial favors the old time Methodism. Bishop W. F. Mallalieu presided this morning.

GET MARRIED

BACHELORS DON'T STAND MUCH OF A CHANCE IN POSTAL SERVICE—PRESIDENT FAVORS LARGE FAMILIES.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 7.—"Hereafter preference will be shown to clerks who are married, especially those with larger families," is the text of a notice posted in the Des Moines postoffice to-day.

Postmaster McKay stated the order came from the Postoffice Department at Washington.

A Letter For Monday.

We will have an interesting letter in Monday's paper from our old friend, Col. R. E. Fast now of Pasadena, California, on the political situation in old "Monongahale." It will be watched for with interest by all who know Col. Fast.

The meeting of the Boat Club has been postponed until Monday evening at eight o'clock, when it will be held at Dr. Bailey's office, on Water street. All the members are urged to be present as a great deal of business will come up at this meeting.

It is the intention of the club to have different kinds of athletics, especially boat racing, on July 4. Arrangements are being made to have some of the best amateurs in Pennsylvania and New York here at that time.

SOME MORE PARTIALITY

SHOWN BY MAYOR—IT CASTS GLOOM OVER OUR RADIANT COUNTEANCES.

Since writing the article concerning the settling of the license fee by the Manley Hotel, we have heard of some very unfair dealing on the part of Mayor Kinsey, and we give it as we got it. W. C. Prince, manager of the Brunswick Pool and Billiard Parlors, made arrangement with the city collector to settle his license by the first of next week, but the mayor got wind of it and notified the chief of police to close the place to-day, if the license was not paid. Mr. Prince was notified, and immediately paid for the license, but when payment was made it was learned that Mr. Yost's license was being carried over by order of the mayor until Mr. Yost was ready to settle, an installment payment of \$25 having been made. Mr. Manley's pool license has not yet been paid, but the mayor hasn't asked to have his place closed.

Now, facts are facts and are mighty stubborn things to get around.

BAND CONCERTS

The Greater Fairmont Band will render the following program on the Band Stand, Main street, at 7:30 this evening:

March of The Citizen Soldier—J. S. Taylor.

Medley Overture—"Coming Thro' The Rye"—M. F. Smith.

Navajo—Indian Characteristic March—R. Van Alstyne.

Medley—"Songs of the Boys in Blue"—L. P. Laurendeau.

March—"Fargo Opera House"—E. R. Wright.

Anona—"Intermezzo"—Vivian Gray.

The band will be under its efficient director, Mr. F. J. Nelson.

Junkins' Band.

Junkins' band will render the following program at the corner of Main and Madison streets at 7:30 this evening:

"Rochambeau" March—G. Aller.

Overture—Viganta—Losey.

Scandius Duins—Frank Keeble.

For-Get-Me-Not—Waltzes—Ellis B. Brooks.

Hutchinson Commandery March—Samuel Stephens.

Sweet Old Songs—(Medley)—Dalbey.

Dixie Girl—J. Bodewalt Lamp.

BANK STATEMENT

THE ASSOCIATED BANKS HOLD VERY LARGE EXCESS OVER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS—THAT IS ONE REASON MONEY IS "CLOSE."

NEW YORK, May 7.—The weekly statement of the associated banks to-day shows the following changes:

Reserve on all deposits \$10,420,650.

Reserve on deposits other than U. S. decrease \$1,488,875.

Loans increase \$21,393,200.

Specie decrease \$1,585,600.

Legal tenders decrease \$1,496,200.

Deposits U. S. including increase \$17,345,000.

Circulation, increase \$5,900.

The Banks now hold in excess of legal requirements \$22,724,200 against \$10,029,825 last year and \$3,461,000 two years ago.

Runaway Boy May Be Here.

Mrs. Hunt, of Grafton, called up the mayor's office this afternoon, and said that her 13-year-old son had run away and that she thought he was in Fairmont. Chief Morgan is looking for him.

The Eagles.

The Eagles combined business with pleasure last night at the McCray hotel.

Primarily, the session was a business one, but at an early hour this was disposed of, and the meeting became one of those social affairs for which the Eagles are becoming famous.

Dr. Lee Boyers' Property Sold. National Bank Examiner Chas. W. Robinson has bought the fine residence property of Dr. Lee Boyers on Fairmont avenue. This is one of the handsomest homes in that section. The consideration is \$14,000.

G. F. Carrell will leave Monday on a business trip to Kentucky.

FIRE IN PITTSBURG

GERBER CARRIAGE COMPANY HOUSE IS WRAPPED IN FLAMES—JOSEPH HORNE DRY GOODS STORE IN DANGER.

PITTSBURG, Penna., May 7.—The Gerber Carriage Company Warehouse and Factory, corner of Fifth street and Duquesne Way, the largest concern of the kind in Western Pennsylvania, is enveloped in flames and will doubtless be destroyed.

An immense stock of fine vehicles of all kinds was carried by the firm. A very narrow alley separates the Gerber building from the Joseph Horne Dry Goods establishment. The Horne building is in great danger. The fire broke out about 11:10 o'clock. The cause is not yet known.

PITTSBURG, May 7.—(Later)—The inflammable nature of the building and contents caused the fire to spread rapidly and to assume threatening proportions. The fire originated, it is believed, from the explosion of a gas engine under the floor of the elevator shaft. Twenty-five employees escaped injury but had narrow escapes. The fire was under control by 11:40 o'clock. The Joseph Horne store, adjoining was not damaged. The loss to the Gerber Company stock is estimated about \$85,000, fully covered by insurance.

The loss on the building which was formerly occupied by the Spear Company Plough Works and Foundry and which covered nearly one half a block is estimated at \$50,000. Insurance partial.

MR. SNOODGRASS DEAD.

Passed Away at Cook's Hospital Last Night—Was Well Liked By All Who Knew Him.

Clem Snodgrass died at Cook's Hospital last night at 10:15 o'clock. The cause of his death was a complication of heart and stomach troubles. The remains were taken to-day to his father's home at Monongah, where the funeral services will be held Sunday evening at four o'clock. Rev. J. Engle, of this city, will conduct the services. The remains will be taken to St. John's Chapel, near Fairview, Monday morning, for burial.

Mr. Snodgrass was the son of "Squire D. L. Snodgrass, of Monongah. He was 44 years old, and unmarried. Four brothers and one sister survive him. They are: Jeremiah, Stephen, W. B. C., and Laura M., wife of J. W. Dudley, of Farmington.

Mr. Snodgrass was everybody's friend. He was sociable, always having a friendly word for his acquaintances, and his many friends will be sorry to learn of his death.

DOG

MAY HAVE BEEN LIVING IN A SEWER FOR THIRTY DAYS. HUMANE SOCIETY IS INVESTIGATING CASE.

Some of the citizens living on Barney street have been annoyed a great deal for the past month by the continuous barking of a dog. The animal, so it is claimed, went into a sewer and became fastened so that he could not get out. That took place about thirty days ago. From the noise the dog makes he must be living on sewer gas. A few days after the animal became fastened, some one shot into the sewer and he was quiet for a day or two, but then he began again.

The report came to the Humane Society and Chief Morgan was notified this afternoon. He went down and investigated, but found it to be a private sewer, which he had no right to tear up. He referred the case back to the Humane Society.

Officer After Him.

The stand built by the King's Daughters on the corner of Main and Jefferson streets was recently rented to an Italian. The building is located some twenty feet off Main, and the foreigner has been gradually piling his goods and empty boxes in this vacant spot until the window of Conway's pharmacy was entirely blocked from view. Yesterday an officer caused him to hunt a less prominent place for his display.